

## **Diocesan Latino/Hispanic Ministries**

### ***Mission Statement:***

Walking with communities of faith as we step beyond our walls in loving-kindness and deepen our relationships with our neighbors.

It has been an honor to serve as your Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries these last five months. My work goes beyond simply starting Spanish-speaking worship communities and is more about partnering with churches and faith communities and together exploring new ways to be welcoming, inclusive and radically hospitable. How can we by expanding an already existing ministry or creating a new one reach out to your very neighbors who live and work in your community? Some of the communities of faith I am partnering with are:

***Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield*** –We are working on creating a leadership and formation program to train new leaders in the Latino community. So far we have led a retreat on training Lay Eucharistic Ministers and in November we will lead another on Evangelism.

***All Saints Church, Worcester*** –I continue to lead and build up the bilingual worship service, Misa Aleluya.

***St. Michael's-on-the-Heights, Worcester*** –Together with the leadership of the parish we are expanding Marie's Mission, an amazing diaper ministry, to include lunch and worship. We are calling it Thanksgiving Church. The worship is intentionally interrelated with the lunch to create a sense of unity and community.

***St. Mark's Church, Worcester*** –In a neighborhood that includes an elementary school and Clark University, we are partnering with the Education Department of Clark University to create a new afterschool program for the children of the neighborhood.

If you have any questions, or would like to explore how we can reach out to your neighborhood in new and exciting ways feel free to contact me any time.

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